THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 18149 of 2001

Dated 5th July 2006

Between:

Chandra Bhan Sharma S/o. H.S.Sharma & 3 others

…Petitioners

and

Government of India, rep.by its
Principal General Manager, Telecom District Hyderabad,
Suryalok Complex, Hyderabad.

…Respondent

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O R D E R:

The petitioners approached this court, challenging the letter dated 7.8.2001, issued by the respondent. The matter relates to the recovery of outstanding telephone dues, to the tune of Rs.30,767/-, in respect of a closed telephone bearing No.4047340. On the ground that the said amount was not paid, several other telephones belonging to the petitioners herein, were disconnected.

While admitting the writ petition on 30.8.2001, this court granted interim direction to restore the telephones, which stood in the name of petitioners 1 to 4.

No counter affidavit is filed on behalf of the respondent.

The question as to whether the accounts between the petitioners and the respondent have been settled, or whether any amount still remains unpaid, is not before this court. At any rate, the adjudication thereof cannot be undertaken, in a writ petition. The respondent has its own statutory procedure for recovering the arrears

of telephone.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that in case any dispute, as to payment of arrears of telephone bills, still existed, the respondent shall follow the prescribed procedure, and till the determination of such dispute, it shall not resort to disconnection of the other telephones standing in the name of the petitioners. There shall be no order as to costs.

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